

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PAY PACKAGE FOR ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report published in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the March 7, 2000 under the caption, "Pay Package: Army, IAF complain of raw deal";

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove the anomalies in the pay package of the Defence Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The factual position is that a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Defence Secretary with three Vice Chiefs and Financial Adviser, Defence Services as members was constituted specifically to consider the anomalies in the pay and allowances of Armed Forces personnel arising out of implementation of recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The recommendation of the High Level Committee were further examined by a Group of senior Officers headed by the Cabinet Secretary of which the three Chiefs of Defence Forces were also members. Government approved all the recommendations of the Group of Officers on the High Level Committee's report except on two items i.e. pay scales of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) and of Lt. Generals and equivalents. These two issues are under consideration of the Government due to their wider implications.

No instance of dissatisfaction among Services Personnel on any of the above recommendations has been brought to Government's notice.